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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF PREGNANCY DUE DATE

CROSS REFERENCE: Income Maintenance Manual, I-C

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE

This memo clarifies the policy for verifying pregnancy and pregnancy due dates as non-financial Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility factors.

This is not a new policy, but only a reminder of what has been policy in MA.

BACKGROUND

We have seen instances of eligibility workers placing MA certification in pending status or denied in CARES when a woman with a verified pregnancy is unable to secure pregnancy due date verification.

Verification of a pregnancy due date was an AFDC eligibility requirement, used when AFDC was an active program to determine the AFDC eligibility begin date.

Verification of a due date is NOT a requirement for MA eligibility.

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CARES

When a woman in the application is pregnant, go to CARES screen ANPI and enter the appropriate pregnancy verification and verification of fetus count.

- 1. If the pregnant woman provides a due date; enter that date.
- 2. If the due date is not provided, enter an appropriate date.
- 3. If verification of the due date is provided, enter the appropriate code.
- 4. If <u>no</u> verification of the due date is provided, do not require the verification. Enter the same verification code as you entered for the verification of the pregnancy (usually "DS").

There is no situation where it is appropriate for you to enter an "NV" (not verified) or a "?" in the pregnancy due date verification field.

Because a CARES alert is generated based on the date in this field, the estimated date should be as reasonable as possible. If necessary, you are able to change the date.

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